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No.464/INST/2021-EPS

Dated: 25th February 2021

To

The Chief Electoral Officers of
All the States/UT

Subject: Forthcoming General Election to Legislative Assembly of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry, 2021- **Webcasting of critical and vulnerable polling stations-Reg.**

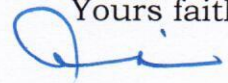
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited and to state that Commission's instruction No.464/INST/2014-EPS, dated 21st March, 2014 provides for various measures to keep a watch on the polling process at Polling Stations to ensure conduct of free and fair elections. These measures include use of Micro Observers, video cameras, still cameras and webcasting. As per extant Commission's instruction every critical polling station must be covered by at least one of the measures to keep a watch on the polling process as non-CAPF measures.

Further, it was clarified, vide Commission's letter No.464/INST/2016-EPS, dated 09th September, 2016, that the figure of minimum 10% of polling stations to be taken for webcasting is basic minimum number and it should not be treated as the upper ceiling for making arrangement in this regard.

Now, the Commission has decided, in supersession of all its earlier instructions on webcasting in polling stations, that arrangements for webcasting shall be done in all critical polling stations and all polling stations in vulnerable areas or at least in 50% of total polling stations including auxiliary polling stations, whichever is higher. Therefore, necessary arrangement for webcasting in polling stations shall be made for ensuring free and fair election and as a confidence building measure for voters.

Yours faithfully,



(SANJEEV KUMAR PRASAD)
UNDER SECRETARY